


# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 7, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 3/21/06)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Parking Restrictions for Large Commercial, Recreational and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles – Lotz Acres Estates and Tabb Meadows

The parking restrictions for large commercial, recreational and passenger-carrying vehicles in certain designated areas of the County (Section 15-48, York County Code) have been in effect for several years and they appear to be providing the intended benefits to residents of these areas. As a result of concerns recently expressed by residents of Lotz Acres Estates and Tabb Meadows about large vehicle parking on their streets, Mr. Shepherd has requested consideration be given to including these neighborhoods under the provisions of Section 15-48. Lotz Acres Estates and Tabb Meadows are single-family detached housing communities adjoining one another and located on the south side of Route 171. Neither development has a homeowners association.

As the Board will recall, the restrictions prohibit the parking of any of the following types of vehicles on the public streets within the designated community:

### Commercial Vehicles

- Greater than 10,000 lbs. gross weight, or
- Greater than 21 feet in length.
- Any HazMat vehicle
- Heavy construction equipment
- Tractor truck, trailer, dump truck, concrete mixer, towing vehicle, beverage/food truck or trailer

### Passenger Carrying Vehicles

- 16 passengers or more, or
- Licensed as a common or contract carrier, or
- Licensed as a limousine

### Recreational Vehicles

- Gross weight greater than 10,000 lbs., or
- Greater than 21 feet in length.

It is important to note that these restrictions apply only to public streets that have been accepted into the VDOT Secondary System. It is also important to note that the restrictions do not apply to private property; instead, there are already provisions in place in the Zoning Ordinance accessory use regulations that describe the locations where recrea-

tional vehicles can be parked on residential lots (*only on driveways in front; in side or rear yards if not on driveway*).

I believe that the streets in Lotz Acres Estates and Tabb Meadows are appropriate candidates for inclusion in the list of areas subject to the large vehicle parking restrictions. The streets in both developments are clearly residential in character and are not suited for large vehicle parking. The density of development, lot width, and street frontage characteristics are such that large vehicle parking along the public streets could create safety hazards and negatively impact the character of the neighborhood. The specific streets that would be covered by the restrictions are:

- Heavens Way
- Stellar Circle
- Polaris Drive
- Orion Court
- Taurus Circle

I recommend that the Board approve the parking restrictions as requested. This can be accomplished by the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 06-06.

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Attachments:      Vicinity Map  
                         Proposed Ordinance No. 06-06

Copy to:      Mr. Jim Brewer, Williamsburg Residency Administrator (VDOT)